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¶1. (SBU) SUMMARY: Although the GOC supports evolutionary change in internet management and the use of existing institutions to continue the dialogue about internet governance, Croatia will most likely support the eventual EU position at the WSIS. END SUMMARY.

¶2. (SBU) Deputy State Secretary Diana Simic of the government's Office for "e-Croatia," told Econoff on November 10 that the GOC supported evolutionary change in internet management and associated itself with the "constructive contributions" of New Zealand and Singapore regarding the use of existing institutions to continue the debate on internet governance. Simic said that the Croatian delegation had attempted to influence the EU position at the Prepcom III meeting in Geneva. However, she conceded that the GOC would support a common EU position at the Summit.

¶3. (SBU) Simic said President Stipe Mesic will lead the Croatian delegation to the WSIS, which will include representatives from the President's office, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Science, Culture, and Development (which has competence for telecommunications), as well as the e-Croatia office.

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